

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 573

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Minister Larry Keele of Midway Church of Christ in Lawrenceburg.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize those venerable religious leaders who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of the people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such religious leader is Minister Larry Keele, who has served faithfully as a spiritual leader of Midway Church of Christ in Lawrenceburg and is marking his fifty-second year in the ministry; and

WHEREAS, born in Houston, Texas, Larry Keele is a graduate of Fort Worth Christian College and Oklahoma Christian University and obtained his master's degree in Biblical studies from Abilene Christian University; and

WHEREAS, called to the pulpit at an early age, Minister Keele gave his first paid sermons at Thorpe Springs Church of Christ in Thorpe Springs, Texas, where his grandfather served as an elder, the summer after he completed high school; and

WHEREAS, while attending Fort Worth Christian College, he served as a youth minister for a local congregation and later served as an associate minister for a small congregation when he was a student at Oklahoma Christian University; and

WHEREAS, during his ministerial career, Minister Larry Keele has led congregations at Saint Jo, Texas; Airport Freeway Church of Christ in Euless, Texas; 23rd and Grace Church of Christ in Wichita Falls, Texas; Mayfield Road Church of Christ in Arlington, Texas; Enterprise Boulevard Church of Christ in Lake Charles, Louisiana; Hope Church of Christ in Hope, Arkansas; the Church of Christ in Champions, Texas; and, currently, Midway Church of Christ in Lawrenceburg; and

WHEREAS, Minister Keele is blessed with the love of his wife, Janet Keele, whom he met while they attended Fort Worth Christian College; the couple married between their junior and senior years at Oklahoma Christian University; and

WHEREAS, an educator, Mrs. Keele has taught various levels of elementary school and served as a school counselor; she received the Teacher of the Year award during her tenure at Fort Worth Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, Minister and Mrs. Keele enjoy the love and support of their family, namely their three sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Heidi Keele, Lon and Audree Keele, and Layne and Kelli Keele, and their seven grandchildren, Cody, Lincoln, Harrison, Jolie, Macy, Emory, and Witten; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Minister Keele has demonstrated his ability to lead and counsel others in the way of traditional Christian values, and it is fitting that we recognize him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Minister Larry Keele of Midway Church of Christ in Lawrenceburg on this special occasion and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.